

[7 August, 2000]

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ITDC has informed through the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation that the banned TV channel TB-6 is not relayed in any of their Hotels in Delhi including Kanishka as alleged in the newspaper report.

Newsitem "DD's Latest Scam"

1607. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "DD's latest scam; It is not about cricket, it's about construction", appearing in the Indian Express, dated May, 20 2000; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and Government's reaction to the allegations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the progress in construction of Doordarshan Bhavan building has not been satisfactory due to the failure on the part of the construction agency, and appropriate action has been initiated against the agency in accordance with the contract provisions.